CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

STATE CAPITOL SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

September 10, 2018

Mary D. Nichols, Chair California Air Resources Board 1001 | Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the Proposed Aliso Canyon Mitigation Agreement

Dear Chair Nichols,

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the Aliso Canyon Mitigation Agreement be adopted. The proposed agreement effectively achieves the public health and environmental benefits, as well as the methane reduction, necessary to mitigate the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak.

Dairy digesters provide a highly effective mechanism to reduce fugitive methane and to fully and quickly offset the 109,000 metric tons of methane released by the natural gas leak. Moreover, dairy methane reductions represent one of the only effective direct fugitive methane reduction opportunities currently available in the state that could offset the significant methane emitted by the Aliso Canyon crisis.

Equally important, the proposed methane mitigation ensures the funding – provided as a loan by SoCal Gas Company – is repaid (with interest) so it can be utilized to also offset local public health and air quality impacts for Porter Ranch and other impacted Southern California residents.

The Proposed Mitigation Agreement achieves and exceeds all criteria outlined for the mitigation in the Governor's proclamation. The mitigation plan also furthers the state's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant (SLCP) and 2030 Scoping Plans. The mitigation plan should be adopted.

Sincerely,

State Senate, District 16

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